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November 29, 2017
Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)
Minutes

Present: Andrea Seielstad (Chair), Corinne Daprano, Mary Ellen Dillon, Deo Eustace, Kevin Kelly, Suki Kwon, Laura Leming, Caroline Merithew, Maher Qumsiyeh, Rebecca Wells, Carolyn Phelps (Ex Officio), Paul Vanderburgh (Ex Officio),

Approval of minutes was deferred.

The discussion focused exclusively on the Lecturer Promotion Policy.

The first issue discussed was what names should be used for each level. This engendered a robust discussion. A variety of levels and titles were discussed, reviewing titles at other universities and internationally understood meanings as well.

Two choices had the support of the majority of the members: Lecturer, Principal Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Lecturer, Senior lecturer, Distinguished Lecturer. Other options, were discussed but not favored by the majority:

Lecturer Principal Lecturer Distinguished Lecturer
Associate Lecturer, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer
Lecturer, Associate Teaching Faculty, Senior Teaching Faculty (We’re
Lecturer, Distinguished Lecturer, Senior Distinguished Lecturer
Lecturer 1, 3, 3

The next issue discussed was that the composition and voting processes regarding the University Lecturer Committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that the size of the group should be fifteen, which is comparable to the PRT Committee for tenure-track faculty. Eight (8) should be tenured and elected from the eligible tenured faculty. Seven (7) should be lecturers and elected from eligible lecturers. It was further agreed that there should be representation across units. Accordingly, 3 tenure track members should be from the College of Arts & Sciences and one each from the other units and School of Law. The same distribution would occur for lecturer members too, with 2 being from the College of Arts & Sciences.

The group agreed to have one last meeting next week, December 6, in an effort to finalize the document. Corinne Daprano agreed to lead it, as Andrea Seielstad will be unavailable.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Seielstad